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Alabama residents are encouraged to prepare for freezing temperatures

CLANTON—The Alabama Emergency Management Agency urges Alabama residents to be aware of extreme cold and wind chill forecast for the state through Tuesday, December 14. With the extreme change in weather, road conditions are changing as well.

The National Weather Service is warning of strong gusty winds which could make driving difficult throughout the day on Monday. A wind advisory remains in effect until 6PM CST, with a hard freeze warning in effect from midnight to 8AM CST, Tuesday morning.

“Winter weather has the potential to be very dangerous even fatal, as people are more likely to die in traffic accidents, hypothermia from exposure to the weather and exposure to carbon monoxide,” said Alabama EMA Director Brock Long.

For the latest listing of state roads closed due to severe weather, visit the Alabama Department of Transportation <http://aldotgis.dot.state.al.us/RoadClosures/Default.aspx/>

More information on being ready for winter weather is available at www.ema.alabama.gov. Forecast information is also available online by going to www.weather.gov and clicking on your area.

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency staff and Regional Coordinators are on alert and monitoring the situation. The Emergency Operating Center is ready for activation if necessary.

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